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PROSPECTUS.

OF THE
SOUTHERN REPORTER,
A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, PUBLISHED IN THE TOWN OF GRENADA, YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

The undersigned have commenced the publication of a new paper, with the above title, in the town of Grenada. In its politics the Reporter will be decidedly Democratic Republican. It will support the re-election of Martin Van Buren, as President of the United States, and oppose the election of Henry Clay, or any other Whig candidate. It will support the re-election of the present able and worthy Chief Magistrate of Mississippi, ALEXANDER G. McNUTT, and will oppose the policy of the

MARSHALL REPUBLICAN.

HOLLY SPRINGS, JUNE 8, 1839.

Union Bank in issuing Post Notes, dealing in Cotton, and not establishing the Branches, as the law required and the public interests demanded. It will support the rights and liberties of the people, and do justice to such moneyed institutions as faithfully comply with the obligations of their charter. We shall wage uncompromising hostility to all shin-plaster Banks, and support only such men for public office as pledge themselves unequivocally to prosecute a radical reformation in the present Banking system of Mississippi. These are the cardinal principles which the Southern Reporter will faithfully advocate. In an agricultural commercial, literary and mechanical point of view it will pursue that course best calculated to advance the greatest good of the greatest number of the whole people.

WM. NEED,
JAN. M. NEWTON.

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SALE OF LANDS FOR TAXES.

Public Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Laws of the State a Public Sale of the Lands hereinafter described, the property of the persons whose names are affixed to the same respectively, situated in the county of La Fayette, will be sold at the Court House in the Town of Oxford in said county on the first Monday in June 1839, for the sale of so much of the same as may be necessary to pay the Taxes assessed upon the said Lands for the year 1838 together with all costs and charges which shall have accrued thereon January 1st, 1839.

J. C. STOCKARD, A. & C.
SALE OF LOTS IN THE TOWN OF OXFORD, LA FAYETTE COUNTY.

Owner's Name.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Acres.
Nathl. Anderson, 31 & 32	6	3	12	12.00
do, do, 6	7	3	12	6.00
Z. C. Alvin, W 5 & 6	10	4	12	12.00
Anderson Orme, 35	7	3	12	12.00
do, 25	6	3	12	12.00
do, 34	8	4	12	12.00
do, 34	8	4	12	12.00
do, 23	7	5	12	12.00
do, 23	7	5	12	12.00
Anderson & T. Lewis, 24 & 25	7	5	12	24.00
Alston Leaver & Co., 18 & 19	6	5	12	24.00
John D. Bradford, 13 14 & 23	10	5	12	36.00
Joseph W. Barnett, 37	6	5	12	12.00
N. A. Bryant, 31	6	5	12	12.00
Joseph Caruthers, 12	8	3	12	12.00
do, 28	6	3	12	12.00
do, 34	6	3	12	12.00
David Carter, 17	6	3	12	12.00
do, 24	7	4	12	12.00
do, 35	6	4	12	12.00
W. T. Caruthers & Brothers, 4	6	5	12	12.00
do, 30	7	4	12	12.00
do, 22 & 34	9	4	12	24.00
do, 30 & 35	6	5	12	24.00
do, 35	7	4	12	12.00
do, 37	8	5	12	12.00
do, 34	8	4	12	12.00
do, 35	8	4	12	12.00
do, 34 & 35	7	5	12	24.00
do, 3	8	3	12	12.00
do, 30 & 29	7	3	12	24.00
do, 30	8	4	12	12.00
do, 21	9	3	12	12.00
J. F. Caruthers & Co., 17	10	4	12	12.00
Wilson I. Caruthers, 4	8	2	12	12.00
Thomas Cogswold, 35	3	4	12	12.00
Bella Codman, 29	6	4	12	12.00
Greene, M. Orkle & Co., 4	7	2	12	12.00
Greene & Groch, 23	6	3	12	12.00
David Carter, 17	6	3	12	12.00
William Gates, 36	10	5	12	12.00
James Greer, 30	7	1	12	12.00
David Hubbard, 19	7	2	12	12.00
Garthier Hild, 10	7	2	12	12.00
Charles McDonald, 11	7	1	12	12.00
do, 36	6	1	12	12.00
Charles Donald, 35	10	2	12	12.00
Mitchell & P. 24	6	4	12	12.00
Joseph W. Matthews, 25	6	1	12	12.00
Edward Orme, 36 & 37	7	4	12	24.00
do, 20	6	3	12	12.00
do, 2	7	4	12	12.00
do, 25	7	4	12	12.00
do, 30	7	3	12	12.00
Richard E. Orme, 30	8	3	12	12.00
Thomas Peters, 35	7	1	12	12.00
Reed & Saunders, 19	9	2	12	12.00
Nathan Stephens, 1 & 2	8	5	12	24.00
N. Wiley, 35	9	4	12	12.00

Holly Springs Feb'y 2, 1839—off

G. Brawley, Lot No. 17, Taxes 2, 11.

J. A. C. Buford, Block S, Lot No. 1, T 5, 54

Pho. Beard, do N Lot No. 1, 1, 94

W. T. Coopwood, do N Lot No. 1, 2, 60

C. Eastman, do A do No. 1, 3, 14

Russell Dean, do A do No. 3, 8, 52

W. Y. Gholson & Co., do E do No. 1, 15, 16

This lot will be sold, to satisfy the Taxes on sundry lots, belonging to the company of W. Y. Gholson & Co.

Joseph Mason, No. 20, 21, 37, 7, 50

T. N. M'Lean, Lot No. 11, to satisfy Taxes on sundry lots, 19, 62

C. J. Moss, Block D Lot No. 1; to satisfy sundry lots, 8, 40

Moss & Mitchell, Lot No. 2, 2, 20

G. W. Pedman, Lot No. 25, 5, 0

Isaac Vanzant, Block F Lot, 2, 5, 12

James & Snow, No. 127 130 154 152 151, 154 149 411 412 414 407 408 132 430 197 196, 15, 00

T. Burbour, do do 57 189, 3, 75

A. McMillen, do 2, 5, 00

H. H. Jones, 45, 2, 25

W. H. Duke, 15 194 156 485 487, 2, 00

Russell Dean, Lots No 103 115 121 130 513, 2, 19

W. Moore, do 136 137 210, 2, 19

N. H. Ziewood, Lot No. 191, 1, 87

If the Taxes on the above lots are not paid before the time of sale, they will be sold for the Tax, or so much of them as will satisfy it.

J. T. STOCKARD, A & C.

Oxford, Feb'y 15th 1839.

E. C. WILKINSON. W. R. NILES.

WILKINSON & NILES' ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

Holly Springs, Miss.

Will practice in the 8th and adjoining Judicial Districts in the Chancery Court at Oxford, in the Federal Court at Pontotoc, and in the high Court of Errors and appeals at Jackson.

June 1, 1839.—20—1y

THE DAMSEL OF PERU.

Where olive leaves were twinkling in every wind that blew,
There sat beneath the pleasant shade, a damsel of Peru.
Betwixt the slender boughs as they opened to the air,
Came glimpses of her ivory neck, and of her glossy hair;
And sweetly rang her silver voice within that shady nook,
As from the shrubby glen is heard the sound of hidden brook.

'Tis a song of love and valor in the noble Spanish tongue,
That once upon the sunny plains of old Castile was sung.
When, from their mountain holds, on the Moorish rout below,
Had rushed the Christians, like a flood, and swept away the foe.
While that melody is still, and then breaks forth anew;
A wilder rhyme, a livelier note, of freedom and Peru.

A white hand parts the branches, a lovely face looks forth,
And bright dark eyes gaze steadfastly and sadly towards the north,
Thou lo'kest in vain, sweet maiden, the sharpest sight would fail
To spy a sign of human life abroad in all the vale;
For the noon is coming on, and the sunbeams fiercely beat,
And the silent hills and forest-tops seem nodding in the heat.

That white hand is withdrawn, that fair sad face is gone,
But the music of that silver voice is flowing sweetly on;
Not as of late, in cheerful tones, but mournfully and low:
A ballad of a tender maid heart broken long ago—
Of him who died in battle, the youthful and the brave,
And her who died of sorrow upon his early grave.

But see; along that mountain's slope a fiery horseman ride;
Mark his torn plume, his tarnish'd belt, the sabre at his side.
His spurs are barred rowel deep, he rides with loosened rein;
There's blood upon his charger's flank, and foam upon his mane,
He speeds towards the olive-grove, a long that shaded hill;
God shield the helpless maiden there, if he should mean her ill!

And suddenly that song has ceased, and suddenly I hear
A shriek sent up amid the shade, a shriek—but not of fear.
For tender accents follow, and tender pauses speak,
The overflow of gladness when words are all too weak;
'I lay my good sword at thy feet, for now Peru is free;
And I am come to dwell beside the olive grove with thee.' [BRYANT.]

The price of "Liberty is eternal vigilance" as the debtor said, when the Court stable was "following his foot steps."

PROPOSALS
For extending the circulation of
THE EASTERN CLARION.

BELIEVING that the population and wealth of Jasper and the surrounding Counties, and the growing importance of the Town of Paulding, demand the continued publication of a newspaper, as an acceptable vehicle of information, it desires us to embark in the enterprise. We shall make but few promises—without no pretensions to talents or genius, we shall endeavor to make up by persevering and untiring industry, the want of the talents which nature has denied us.

In a reference to politics, we shall give our feeble support to the present National and State administrations, believing that their principles approach nearest the political faith embodied in the celebrated Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions of '98 and '99, than those of their opponents. We regard these resolutions as the foundation of a free trade and no restriction; or, in other words, a doctrine once by a strict adherence to which the south can preserve her domestic institutions free from the bold assaults of avaricious fanatics, and maintain her political equality of "benefits and burdens," in the scale of Union. Although our paper will be decided in its political course, we shall on all occasions extend the hand of liberality to our whig friends always allowing them to be heard freely through its columns. We claim no fellowship with that class of men who would prostitute the citizen merely for opinion's sake. It is the glorious privilege of American citizens to think and act for themselves.

In matters relating to the prosperity of the State, the Advancement of the local interests of Jasper and the Eastern Counties generally, and the Town of Paulding, we pledge fealty to use our best endeavors to promote the welfare of each and all Commerce and Agriculture, cardinal interests, will receive their due share of attention. And to be brief, the Clarion will be a paper well stored with the "passing tidings of the times." It will be found to contain a little of every thing that is useful or entertaining to the general reader. We will make no further promises, but will do our best—the best can do no more.

S. R. ADAMS.

Paulding, April 27, 1839.

The Clarion will be published every Saturday morning on a super-royal sheet, and furnished to subscribers at \$5 per annum in advance. Advertisements inserted at the usual rates.

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.

THE undersigned proposes to sell the Section of land on which he now resides, adjoining the Town of Holly Springs, in Marshall county. About 220 acres of this section is in cultivation, and in excellent repair,—there is a dwelling house well finished, one mile south from the court house, on the stage road to Oxford, Coffeyville, &c., with suitable out-houses, stables, &c. and fine grass lots, two wells of good water and a never failing spring on the land. The soil is a desirable situation. The purchaser will be required to pay down one third, and the residue of the purchase money in two equal payments of one and two years.

May 14th 1839.
The Mississippi, at Jackson, will publish the above, and forward account to this office for settlement. printers fee \$5.

JOHN HARDIN.

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4 DOLLARS PER YEAR,
PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

I face, and cast a malignant and fierce glance at the empty Jug, raised his eyes to heaven and clenched his fist and gnashed his teeth in a most horrible and ferocious manner. In token of the strength of his oath and his never-dying enmity to all gallion Jugs or over: for the contents of the wicked Jug tended more to increase than alleviate his anger. He then put on his clothes, loaded his rifle, took up the hungry Jug, for it was then guilty of a most grievous fault, that of being empty. Splash then wended his way to an open field. He placed the innocent object of his wrath upon the stump of a tree, took up his rifle, and advanced, to use the words of the reformed man himself, "precisely thirty six paces," and fired. The neck of the Jug was shattered to atoms—Splash advanced, took the body and examined it very closely, in order to ascertain whether the contents was actually gone. This in essence still more—he reloaded and fired, and then the Jug, the family Jug, which, for a long time had exercised considerable influence on the mind of Splash, as well as his legs as a pocket, and which had often contributed to the enjoyment of his friends, when they favored him with a visit, was thus cruelly murdered in the broad light of day. Splash is not, however, strongly opposed to the Gallion Law as Gallion Jugs, a total abstemious man but has expressed his willingness to drink "whiskey and water" on two occasions only, which are—when he feels dry or has a desire to do so, and whenever any body asks him—On these wise terms no one should think for a moment that Bacchus can trip him.

THE SONG OF THE SELFISH MAN.

I'm not a marrying man—in vain
Young ladies try to net me;
I'm very sure I can't endure
That they should thus beset me;
There's Lady Jane may try in vain,
And O'er my rest—let me—
I'm very sure I'm much too poor
To be a marrying man!

In vain they try: I smile and sigh—
Their soft white hands I press;
But oh! for me 'twould really be
Too great a happiness;
I dote and dote—I drink my wine—
I flirt with Lady Anne;
But still I'm sure I'm much too poor
To be a marrying man!

I laugh and talk, I smile and walk,
I sing, I dance, I play;
Invited—I ride about,
I'm flattered by day;
I smile at mothers, I laugh with brothers,
None can me heart oppress;
For really I—who'er may try—
I'm not a marrying man!

From the Southern Star.

MURDER.

We do not know when it was we have been called upon to record a more shameful outrage than the one we are about to notice. On Friday, the 10th day of May, inst., Solomon Carpenter was put upon his trial for the murder of Colonel Thomas Keller, sometime during the last year. After a long and tedious investigation during the day and long hours of the jury, after being out about three hours, returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, about half past eleven o'clock at night. The prisoner was remanded into the custody of the sheriff, and a there being no jail, it was necessary to send a guard with him all night. About 12 o'clock at night, the prisner (Carpenter) having occasion to go out, one of the duty-sheriffs took a candle and went out with him; and just as they were returning to the court house, some person or persons rushed upon them, dashed out the candle, and in the most shocking and brutal manner, murdered the prisner (Carpenter) while in the actual custody of the sheriff. We were called upon (as a reporter) to hold an inquest over the dead body, which was done that same night; and we must say, that of all the murders and bloodshed which has of late taken place in our country, this was the most shocking. There were nine wounds inflicted upon his body, apparently with a Bowie knife, either of five of which it is thought would have proved fatal, and one bullet hole. The verdict of the jury was, "wilful murder by some person or persons unknown."

We see in the Natchez Free Trader the following original lines in the courtng way: IMPROMPTU.

Mr. M. Sir,
I have just seen your charming daughter;
I want your leave to let me court her—
I love her as I do my life,
I'll marry her if she'll be my wife.

ANSWER.

Sir,—to me you are a stranger,
I do not chide your youthful passion;
Come! along there is no danger,
For courtng now is all the fashion.

And so 'twas asked and answered, but not the question asked. We wait impatiently for the denouement. Poor devil; the way he will get flogged or flogged will be a caution to all our readers, whom we have been candidly advising to keep on of all such scrapes. We will inform them of it due season, for we are sure the honest strong too tight, the fiddle string will snap—a signal warning to such as neglect our wholesome advice.—[Vick. Whig]

There is a great difference between the Democrats and Federalists in this respect viz, Democrats believe that "Honesty is the best policy," but Federalists that "Policy is the best honesty."